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SUBJECT: UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION-STEAMROLLER TACTICS

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1. EMBOFF RAISED "AUTOMATIC MAJORITY" ISSUE WITH MOFA ACTING CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES, ALI DRIDI, JULY 3. EXPLAINED WE HAD NO PARTICULAR AXE TO GRIND WITH GOT ON SUBJECT AT THIS TIME BUT WERE APPROACHING FRIENDS TO CONVEY CONCERN IN GENERAL, PHILOSOPHICAL WAY OVER TREND MANIFESTED AT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA, AND SOLICITING THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS INTERESTED IN EFFECTIVE WORKING OF UN AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. EMBOFF THEN GAVE PRECIS OF MAIN POINTS REFTEL AND LEFT TALKING PAPER FOR MOFA USE.

2. DRIDI LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY AND KNOWLEDGEABLY.

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VOLUNTEERED THAT STIFLING OF DEBATE AND OBSTRUCTION OF

FULL CONSULTATION AMONG PARTICIPANTS ARE CONTRARY TO OBJECTIVES OF UN FOUNDERS. SIAD HE WOULD BRING OUR REMARKS TO ATTENTION OF MOFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND WOULD LET US KNOW IF THERE WERE COMMENTS MOFA CARED TO MAKE.

3. COMMENT: APPROACH MADE IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL WAS OF SUCH GENERAL NATURE THAT WE DOUBT GOT WILL BE ABLE FIGURE OUT WHAT IT MIGHT DO BY WAY OF RESPONSE. NEVERTHELESS, DIALOG WAS GOOD ONE AND MOFA NOW AWARE, IF IT WAS NOT BEFORE, THAT USG IS INDEED CONCERNED THAT TACTICS OF THIRD WORLD MAJORITY MAY VITIATE UTILITY OF UN AND THAT THIS MIGHT BACKFIRE ON COUNTRIES WHICH NEED UN ASSISTANCE.

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